GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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TEA PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of tea produced during each of the last three years and in the current year, till date State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the production of tea in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) The quantity of tea produced during last three years and in the current year, till date, state-wise is given below: (Figures in million Kgs)

State / Districts	2005	2006(E)	2007 (E)
Assam	487.49	483.65	479.92
West Bengal	217.55	233.29	231.44
Tripura	7.52	7.18	7.31
Arunachal Pradesh	2.62	2.20	2.52
Manipur	0.11	0.11	0.12
Sikkim	0.16	0.15	0.16
Nagaland	0.19	0.17	0.19
Meghalaya	0.10	0.10	0.12

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Mizoram	0.07	0.07	0.08
Other North Indian States(includes Bihar, Uttrakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Orissa)	2.61	2.70	2.83
TOTAL NORTH INDIA	718.42	729.62	724.69
Tamil Nadu	158.84	152.27	153.13
Kerala	63.34	68.76	61.83
Karnataka	5.37	5.26	5.03
TOTAL SOUTH INDIA	227.55	226.29	219.99
ALL TOTAL	945.97	955.91	944.68

(E) Estimated and subject to revision

(b) A number of developmental Schemes are being implemented by the Tea Board for enhancing productivity, quality and marketability of tea produced in the country. Financial and technical assistance is being provided for various plantation development activities like replanting, rejuvenation, creation of irrigation facilities etc. With a view to improve the quality of teas produced in the country, which would help in turn in boosting exports of tea and fetching higher prices, the Tea Board is also implementing a quality upgradation programmes. Through its Plan schemes, the Tea Board also supports some welfare programmes and activities for the benefit of tea plantation workers and their dependants in education and health care.